HOUSE BILL 3426

By Odom

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, relative to the operation and governance of public and private post secondary education in Tennessee.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 20, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 49-7-2019.

The commission shall promulgate rules and regulations for requirements of operating proprietary schools in this state. Such rules and regulations shall require each proprietary school to distribute written information to each potential student about the institution including, but, not limited to:

- (1) The institution's annual tuition costs per course;
- (2) Complete explanation of the institution's credit transferability;
- (3) Most recent rates of the institution's student retention, withdrawal, graduation, and, if applicable, passage rates for state licensure exams; and
 - (4) The commission's complaint contact telephone number.

SECTION 2. The commission is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.